

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit 1651	:	
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In re application of:	:	p18 IN STEM CELL MANIPULATIONS
Tao Cheng	:	
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Serial No.: 10/576,785	:	
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Filing Date: April 21, 2006	:	Confirmation No: 5925

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312
January 23, 2009

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Non-Final Office Action for the above-referenced application ("Subject Application") mailed October 23, 2008, having a three-month shortened statutory period to respond that ends January 23, 2009. Please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2;

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 6 of this Response; and

The **Remarks** section begins on page 8 of this Response.